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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

Kazuto KINOSHITA, et al. : EXAMINER: UNASSIGNED

SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. APPLICATION :  
(Based on Serial No: 09/631,619)

FILED: HEREWITH : GROUP ART UNIT: UNASSIGNED

FOR: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR:  
PROCESSING A SUBSTRATE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.